

Table 1. Summary Table of Impacts from the Alternatives

<b>IMPACT TOPIC</b>	<b>Alternative. 1 No Action</b>	<b>Alternative. 2 BLM Sampling Plan</b>	<b>Alternative. 3 BLM Plan Amended by NPS Preferred Alternative</b>
Vegetation/Soils	No impact.	About 1.38 acres of tall shrub and short shrub vegetation and soils disturbed. All to be reclaimed.	About 1.36 acres of tall shrub and short shrub vegetation and soils disturbed. All to be reclaimed.
Wildlife/Habitat	No impact.	Short term (2-15 yrs) of 1.38 acres of wildlife habitat a minor impact. Temporary impacts by disturbing or dispersing wildlife near sampling site would have no lasting effect.	Short term (2-15 yrs) of 1.36 acres of wildlife habitat a minor impact. Temporary impacts by disturbing or dispersing wildlife near sampling site would have no lasting effect.
Air Quality	No impact	Temporary local minor adverse impacts during sampling activities.	Temporary local minor adverse impacts during sampling activities.
Aquatic Resources	No impact	Sampling would avoid the active stream channels. Some turbidity release from vehicle use and sample processing would result in minimal impact to aquatic resources.	Sampling would avoid the active stream channels. Some turbidity release from vehicle use and sample processing would result in minimal impact to aquatic resources.
Cultural Resources	No impact	No known impacts. Nearby sites to be protected.	No known impacts. Nearby sites to be protected.
Visitor Use	No impact.	10 visitors per month directly affected. A few hundred temporarily affected by noise and visual disturbance. Two sections of new road would visibly remain out of character for many decades, even after reclamation. The rest of the disturbance would be invisible after 2-15 years.	10 visitors per month directly affected. A few hundred temporarily affected by noise and visual disturbance. Affects could last into another sampling season. The disturbance would be invisible after 2-15 years.
Park Management	Save \$500,000 – \$900,000 in sampling costs. Does not create new disturbance. Does not meet objective of obtaining satisfactory mineral information to determine validity and for a determination of the fair market value of the claims for the court case.	Costs \$500,000 and creates new disturbance, including two short roads. Meets objective of obtaining satisfactory mineral information to determine validity and for a determination of the fair market value of the claims for the court case.	Costs up to \$900,000 and creates new disturbance, although not new roads. Meets objective of obtaining satisfactory mineral information to determine validity and for a determination of the fair market value of the claims for the court case. Allows for more information to be gathered as site conditions and guidelines dictate.

